

Great Island Advisory Committee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is the Committee being appointed permanent? The Committee exists at the directive of the Board of Selectmen and will continue until disbanded by the Board of Selectmen. We do expect the Committee to be in place for some time, however.

Will the Committee's charter change? The Board of Selectmen and Committee intend to solicit community feedback related to the long-term plans and strategy for our resident's use of Great Island, and therefore the Board of Selectmen will review and update the charter periodically.

Will there be different members for Phase 1 and Phase 2? Members appointed now will not automatically be required to step down after Phase 1. However, as is the case with other appointed boards, commissions and committees, the Board of Selectmen reserves the sole and exclusive right to alter the size and make-up of the Committee in the future.

What is the difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2? Phase 1 will focus on immediate site preparation work such as road widening and environmental remediation. Phase 2 will focus on developing and implementing the longer-term vision for Great Island. Some Phase 1 site work will depend on the projected direction of Phase 2, so there will overlap.

Will the Committee have decision-making authority? We envision the Committee as an advisory committee, and in certain instances also serving as a building committee. In the latter case, straightforward projects will be carried out by Town staff, while more complex work will require direct committee support and oversight.

The Board of Selectmen will secure approvals from other Boards as required by the Town Charter (e.g., Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting).

The Board of Selectmen will retain authority over strategic matters and operational decisions for appropriated projects but will delegate authority for minor or day-to-day decisions to the Committee (e.g., record-keeping, meeting schedules, spending below certain limits, etc.)